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Hon. Allyne R. Ross
United States District Judge
Eastern District of New York
225 Cadman Plaza East
Brooklyn, NY 10021

Re: United States v. Jose Osvaldo Melendez-Rojas
17 Cr. 434 (S-2) (ARR)

Dear Judge Ross,

I have been Court appointed CJA counsel for Jose Osvaldo Melendez-Rojas in the above captioned matter. I am retiring from the practice of law. Accordingly, I am requesting that the Court appoint new CJA counsel to represent Mr. Melendez-Rojas for sentencing as well as for any appeal or other post conviction proceedings, and that I be relieved from further representation of him. I have written to Mr. Melendez-Rojas and advised him of my pending retirement and that I would be making this application. I have also spoken with him by telephone with the aid of an interpreter also advised him of the same.

Thank you for your consideration of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mitchell A. Golub

cc: All counsel (via ECF)